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Demise of Bailey's DataPhile Digest

Unfortunately, we no sooner sent out last month's AAL than we received a letter from the Baileys saying that they have ceased to publish the DataPhile Digest.

Quarterly Disk 13

QD 13 is now ready, and it includes both installments of ProDOS commented source code as listed last month and this. The code is in the format used by the S-C Macro Assembler. (Since the disk also includes the CONVERT S-C TO TEXT program in this issue, all of you can use it!) Quarterly Disks are \$15 each, or \$45 for a year's subscription.

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Commented Listing of ProDOS \$F90C-F995, \$FD00-FE9A, \$FEBE-FFFF

Last month I printed the commented listing of the disk reading subroutines. This month's selection covers disk writing, track positioning, and interrupt handling. Together the two articles cover all the code between \$F800 and \$FFFF.

Several callers have wondered if this is all there is to ProDOS. No! It is only a small piece. In my opinion, this is the place to start in understanding ProDOS's features: A faster way of getting information to and from standard floppies. But remember that ProDOS also supports the ProFILE hard disk, and a RAM disk in the extended Apple //e memory.

Further, ProDOS has a file structure exactly like Apple /// SOS, with a hierarchical directory and file sizes up to 16 megabytes.

Further, ProDOS includes support for a clock/calendar card, 80-columns with Smarterm or //e, and interrupts.

Prodos uses or reserves all but 255 bytes of the 16384 bytes in the language card area (both \$D000-DFFF banks and all \$E000-FFFF). The 255 bytes not reserved are from \$D001 through \$D0FF in one of the \$D000 banks. The byte at \$D000 is reserved, because Prodos uses it to distinguish which \$D000 bank is switched on when an interrupt occurs. The space at \$BF00-BFFF is used by Prodos for system linkages and variables (called the System Global Page).

In addition, if you are using Applesoft, ProDOS uses memory from \$9600-BEFF. This space does not include any file buffers. When you OPEN files, buffers are allocated as needed. CLOSEing automatically de-allocates buffers. Each buffer is 1024 bytes long. As you can see, with ProDOS in place your Applesoft program has less room than ever.

Track Seeking: \$F90C-F995

The SEEK.TRACK subroutine begins at \$F90C. The very first instruction multiplies the track number by two, converting ProDOS logical track number to a physical track number. If you want to access a "half-track" position, you could either store a NOP opcode at \$F90C, or enter the subroutine at \$F90D.

A table is maintained of the current track position for each of up to 12 drives. I call it the OLD.TRACK.TABLE. The subroutine GET.SSSD.IN.X forms an index into OLD.TRACK.TABLE from slot# * 2 + drive#. There are no entries in the table for drives in slots 0 or 1, which is fine with me. ProDOS uses these slots as pseudo slots for the RAM-based pseudo-disk and for ProFILE, if I remember correctly.

The code in SEEK.TRACK.ABSOLUTE is similar but not identical to code in DOS 3.3. The differences do not seem to be significant.

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Disk Writing: \$FD00-FE9A

The overall process of writing a sector is handled by code in RWTS, which was listed last month. After the desired track is found, RWTS calls PRE.NYBBLE to build a block of 86 bytes containing the low-order two bits from each byte in the caller's buffer. PRE.NYBBLE also stores a number of buffer addresses and slot*16 values inside the WRITE.SECTOR subroutine. Next RWTS calls READ.ADDRESS to find the sector, and then WRITE.SECTOR to put the data out.

WRITE.SECTOR is the real workhorse. And it is very critically timed. Once the write head in your drive is enabled, every machine cycle is closely counted until the last byte is written. First, five sync bytes are written (ten bits each, llllllll00). These are written by putting \$FF in the write register at 40 cycle intervals. Following the sync bytes W.S writes a data header of D5 AA AD.

Second, the 86-byte block which PRE.NYBBLE built is written, followed by the coded form of the rest of your buffer.
WRITE.SECTOR picks up bytes directly from your buffer, keeps a running checksum, encodes the high-order six bits into an 8-bit value, and writes it on the disk...one byte every 32 cycles, exactly. Since your buffer can be any arbitrary place in memory, and since the 6502 adds cycles for indexed instructions that cross page boundaries, WRITE.SECTOR splits the buffer in parts before and after a page boundary. All the overhead for the split is handled in PRE.NYBBLE, before the timed operations begin.

Finally, the checksum and a data trailer of DE AA EB FF are written.

Empty Space: \$FEBE-FF9A

This space had no code in it. Nearly a whole page here.

Interrupt & RESET Handling: \$FF9B-FFFF

If the RAM card is switched on when an interrupt or RESET occurs, the vectors at \$FFFA-FFFF will be those ProDOS installed rather than the ones permanently coded in ROM. It turns out the non-maskable interrupt (NMI) is still vectored down into page 3. But the more interesting IRQ interrupt is now vectored to code at \$FF9B inside ProDOS.

The ProDOS IRQ handler performs two functions beyond those built-in to the monitor ROM. First, the contents of location \$45 are saved so that the monitor can safely clobber it. Second, a flag is set indicating which \$D000 bank is currently switched on, so that it can be restored after the interrupt handler is finished. (The second step is omitted if the interrupt was caused by a BRK opcode.)

If the IRQ was not due to a BRK opcode, a fake "RTI" vector is pushed on the stack. This consists of a return address of \$BF50 and a status of \$04. The status keeps IRQ interrupts disabled, and \$BF50 is a short routine which turns the ProDOS memory back on and jumps up to INT.SPLICE at \$FFD8:

BF50- 8D 8B CO STA \$C08B BF53- 4C D8 FF JMP \$FFD8

Of course, before coming back via the RTI, ProDOS tries to USE the interrupt. If you have set up one or more interrupt vectors with the ProDOS system call, they will be called.

INT.SPLICE restores the contents of \$45 and switches the main \$D000 bank on. Then it jumps back to \$BFD3 with the information about which \$D000 bank really should be on. \$BFD3 turns on the other bank if necessary, and returns to the point at which the interrupt occured.

The instruction at \$FFC8 is interesting. STA \$C082 turns on the monitor ROM, so the next instruction to be executed is at \$FFCB in ROM. This is an RTS opcode, so the address on the stack at that point is used. There are two possible values: \$FA41 if an IRQ interrupt is being processed, or \$FA61 if a RESET is being processed. This means the RTS will effectively branch to \$FA42 or \$FA62.

Uh Oh! At this point you had better hope that you are not running with the original Apple monitor ROM. The Apple II Plus ROM (called Autostart Monitor) and the Apple //e ROM are fine. \$FA42 is the second instruction of the IRQ code, and \$FA62 is the standard RESET handler. But the original ROM, like I have in my serial 219 machine, has entirely different code there.

I have an \$FF at \$FA42, followed by code for the monitor S (single step) command. And \$FA62 is right in the middle of the S command. There is no telling what might happen, short of actually trying it out. No thanks. Just remember that RESET, BRK, and IRQ interrupts will not work correctly if they happen when the RAM area is switched on and you have the old original monitor in ROM.

There is another small empty space from \$FFE9 through \$FFF9, 17 bytes.

Perhaps I should point out that the listings this month and last are from the latest release of ProDOS, which may not be the final released version. However, I would expect any differences in the regions I have covered so far to be slight.

	1000 1010 1020	SAVE S.PRODOS F800-FFFF			
003A- 003A- 003B- 003C- 003D-	1050 1060 1070	RUNNING.SUM TBUF.O BYTE.AT.BUFOO BYTE.AT.BUFO1 LAST.BYTE	.EQ \$3A .EQ \$3B .EQ \$3C .EQ \$3D		
003F-	1080 1090	SLOT.X16 INDEX.OF.LAST.BYTE	.EG \$3E		

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1100
                                          RWB.COMMAND .EQ $42
RWB.SLOT .EQ $43
RWB.BUFFER .EQ $44,45
RWB.BLOCK .EQ $46,47
 0042-
                                 1110
 0043-
                                 1120
                                                                                          DSSSXXXX
                                 1130
1140
 0046-
                                                                                                 0...279
                                 1150
 4700-
                                 1160
                                           BUFF, BASE .EQ $4700 DUMMY ADDRESS FOR ASSEMBLY ONLY
                                 1170
                                                                  .EQ $BF56
.EQ $BF57
.EQ $BF88
.EQ $BF8D
.EQ $BFD3
 BF56-
                                           SAVE.LOC45
SAVE.DOOO
                                                                   PEEEE
 BF57-
BF88-
                                 1190
                                           INTAREG
INTBANKID
IRQXIT.3
                                 1200
 BF8D-
                                 1210
 BFD3-
                                 1220
                                 1230
                                          DRV. PHASE
DRV. MTROFF
DRV. MTRON
DRV. ENBL. 0
C080-
C088-
C089-
                                                                   .EQ
.EQ
                                                                           $C080
$C088
$C089
$C08A
                                 1250
1260
                                                                   EQ
                                 1270
1280
 Č08Á-
                                1270 DRV.ENB

1280 DRV.Q6L

1290 DRV.Q6L

1300 DRV.Q7L

1310 DRV.Q7L

1320 -----

1340 MODIFIE

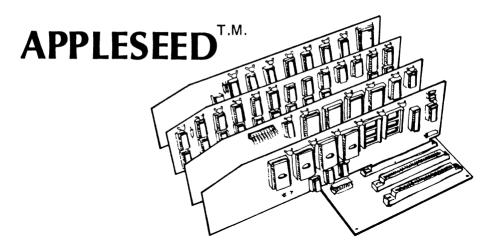
1350 -----

1350 -----

1350 -----

1370
 C08C-
C08D-
                                                                           $C08C
$C08D
$C08E
$C08F
                                                                   . ĔŎ
 COSE-
 C08F-
                                                                                  <<<COMPUTED >>>
<<<SLOT * 16>>>
                                          MODIFIER .EQ $60
0060-
                                                          OR $F800
                              2940
F90C- 0A
F90D- 8D
F910- 20
F913- 20
F916- BD
F919- 8D
                         F9
FC
FB
FB
                   2518
F55A
F683
F919-
F91C-
             ĀĎ
F91F-
             9D
                         FB
F925-
F927-
F928-
F92B-
           A0
98
20
88
                   03
                    8A F9
F92C- 10
F92E- 4E
F931- 18
F932- 60
                   F9
5A FB
                                                                                                       BACK TO LOGICAL TRACK #
                                          SEEK.TRACK.ABSOLUTE
STA TARGET.TRACK SAVE ACTUAL TRACK #
CMP CURRENT.TRACK ALREADY THERE?
72 FB
5A FB
4C
00
                   6B FB
5A FB
71 FB
                   72 FB
37
07
FF
5A FB
                                                                                                     .WE HAVE ARRIVED
                   FÉ
5A
6B
                         FB
                                                          CMP STEP.CNT GET MINIMUM OF:
BCC .4 1. # OF TRACKS TO MOVE LESS 1
LDA STEP.CNT 2. # OF STEPS SO FAR
CMP #9 3. EIGHT
                         FB
F95A- CD
F95D- 90
F95F- AD
F962- C9
F964- B0
F966- A8
F968- 20
                   03
6B FB
                   09
02
             38
20
89
20
AD
18
                   87 F9
73 FB
85 FB
71 FB
F96B-
F96E-
F971-
F974-
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975- 20 8A F9
978- B9 7C FB
97B- 20 85 FB
97E- EE 6B FB
981- DO BD
983- 20 85 FB
986- 18
987- AD 5A FB
                           3450
3460
3470
3480
                                                 JSR PHASE.COMMANDER
                                                 JSR PHASE.COMMANDER
LDA OFFTBL, Y DELAY
JSR DELAY.100
INC STEP.CNT # OF STEPS SO FAR
                           3490
                                                                         ... ALWAYS
                                                 BNE
                           3490
3500
3510
3520
                                   . 6
                                                 JSR DELAY. 100
                                                 CLC
                                                                         TURN PHASE OFF
                                                 LDA CURRENT. TRACK
                           3530
3540
3550
3560
                                                 (A) = TRACK #
.CC. THEN PHASE OFF
.CS. THEN PHASE ON
                           PHASE.COMMANDER
98A- 29 03

98C- 2A

98D- 05 3E

98F- AA

990- BD 80

7993- A6 3E

7995- 60
                                                                         ONLY KEEP LOWER TWO BITS
                                                 AND #3
                                                 ROL
                                                 ORA SLOT. X16
                                                                                  OSSSOXXC
                                                 TAX
               80 CO
3E
                                                 LDA DRV.PHASE,X
LDX SLOT.X16
                                                                                  RESTORE SLOT#16
                           3650
                           SEC IN CASE WRITE-PROTECTED
LDA DRV.Q6H,X
LDA DRV.Q7L,X
BPL 1 ...NOT WRITE PROTECTED
JMP WS.RET ...PROTECTED
FD00- 38
FD01- BD
FD00- 36
FD01- BD 8D C0
FD04- BD 8E C0
FD07- 10 03
FD09- 4C DF FD
                          7190
FDOC- AD
FDOF- 85
               00 FB
          A9 FF
9D 8F
1D 8C
A0 04
FD11-
                     CO
CO
FD13-
FD19-
          EA
48
68
                                                                         $FF AT 40-CYCLE INTERVALS LEAVES
TWO ZERO-BITS AFTER EACH $FF
FD1B-
FD1C-
FD1D-
FD1E-
FD1F- 68
FD20- 20 E7 FD
FD23- 88
FD24- D0 F8
FD26-
FD28-
FD2B-
           A9
20
               D5
E6 FD
           Ã9
20
               AA
E6 FD
                          FD2D-
FD30-
FD32-
          Ã9
20
               AD
E6
                     FD
FD35- 98
FD36- A0 56
FD38- D0 03
FD3A- B9 00 FB
FD3D- 59 FF FA
FD41- AA 3E FD44- A6 3E FD46- 9D 8D CO
FD49- BD 8C CO
FD46- 8B FD46- 8B
FD4D- DO EB
FD4F- A5 3A
FD51- A0 00
FD53- 59 00
FD56- 29 FC
FD58- AA
FD59- BD 03
FD5C- A2 60
FD5E- 9D 8D
FD61- BD 8C
HI-BYTE FILLED IN
                                                 LDA BIT.PAIR.TABLE+3,X
                                                                                  HI-BYTE FILLED IN
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FD6A- A5
FD6C- FO
FD6E- A5
                                3B
52
3F
41
   FD70- FO
FD72- 4A
FD73- A5
FD75- 9D
FD78- BD
FD7B- A5
FD7D- EA
                                                    7760
7770
7770
7780
7790
7800
7810
                                                                                           LSR ...DE LDA BYTE.AT.BUFOO STA DRV.Q6H,X LDA DRV.Q6L,X
                                                                                                                                                DELAY TWO CYCLES
OF PRE.NYBBLE ALREADY ENCODED
                                 3B
8D
8C
                                         CO
                                                                                                                                                           THIS BYTE
                                          ČÕ
                                                                                            LDA BYTE.AT.BUF01
                                  3C
                      č8
    FD7E-
                                                     7820
                                                                                             INY
                                                   7820 INY
7830 BCS WS..12
7840 WS...8 EOR BUFF.BASE+256,Y
7850 AND #$FC
7860 TAX
7870 LDA BIT.PAIR.TABLE+3
7890 STA DRV.Q6H,X
7910 WS...10 LDA BUFF.BASE+256,Y
7920 TNY
   FD7F-
FD81-
FD84-
                      B0
59
29
                               00 48
FC
                                                                                                                                                                       HI-BYTE FILLED IN
   FD86-
                      ÃÁ
   FD87-
                      BD
                                 03
                                         FA
                                                                                                        BIT.PAIR.TABLE+3.X
                                60
8D CO
8C CO
00 48
                      A2
9D
BD
    FD8A-
   FD8C-
    FD8F-
   FD92-
                      BO
                                                                                                                                                                       HI-BYTE FILLED IN
                                                    7910
7920
7930
7940
   FD95-
                                                                                             INY
                                                                   WS..11 EOR BUFF.BASE+256,Y
WS..12 CPY INDEX.OF.LAST.BYTE
                      59
C4
                                 00
                                         48
                                                                                                                                                                        HI-BYTE FILLED IN
   FĎ99-
                                3F
FC
                      29
                                                     7950
   FD9B-
                                                                                            AND
                                                                                                         #$FC
                                                    7950 AND #$FC
7960 TAX
7970 LDA BIT.PAIR.TABLE+3,1
7980 WS..13 LDX #MODIFIER
7990 STA DRV.Q6H,X
8000 LDA DRV.Q6L,X
8010 WS..14 LDA BUFF.BASE+256,Y
   FD9D-
FD9E-
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60
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   FDÁ 1-
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BD
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48
   FDA6-
                                8č
   FDA9- B9
                                 ÕÕ
                                                                                                                                                                       HI-BYTE FILLED IN
                                                   8020 BCC WS...8
8040 BCS ...15 ...3 CYCLE
8050 ...15 BCS WS...17 ...ALWAYS
8060 *---WRITE BYTE AT BUFFER.00---
8070 WS...16 .DA #$AD,BYTE.AT.BUF00
STA DRV.Q6H,X
8100 PHA
8110 PLA
8110
                      C8
90
B0
   FDAC-
                                                     8020
                                                                                            TNY
                                D2
   FDAD-
                                                                                                                                       ...3 CYCLE NOP
   FDAF-
FDB1-
                                00
                                3B 00
8D C0
8C C0
   FDB3- AD
FDB6- 9D
                                                                                                                                                                                  4 CYCLES: LDA BYTE.AT.BUFOO
                      9D
80
48
 FDB9-
   FDBC-
   FDBD-
   FDBE-
                      68
   FDRF-
                              3D
03 FA
60
8D C0
8C C0
   FDC0-
                      A6
BD
  FDC5- A2
FDC7- 9D
FDCA- BD
                      Ã0
48
68
   FDCD-
                                ÕÕ
                                                    8200
8210
8220
                                                                                           PHA
PLA
   FDCF-
   FDD0-
                                                                    *---WRITE DATA TRAILER: $DE AA EB FF-----
                                                    8230
   FDD1- EA
                                                                                            NOP
                     EA
B9
                                                    8240
8250
   FDD2-
FDD3-
                                                                                            NOP
                                C4 F9
                                                                     . 19
                                                                                            LDA DATA.TRAILER,Y
                                                    8260
                      20
                                E9 FD
   FDD6-
                                                                                            JSR WRITE3
                                                    8270
8280
8290
   FDD9-
                      Č8
                                                                                            INY
                                                                                            CPY
BNE
CLC
   FDDA-
FDDC-
                      CO
DO
18
                                                                                                         . 19
                                                    8310
8310
83310
83310
8340
8350
                                                                                                                                      SIGNAL NO ERROR
   FDDE-
                                                                                          LDA DRV.Q7L,X
LDA DRV.Q6L,X
RTS
  FDDF- BD
FDE2- BD
FDE5- 60
                                8E C0
8C C0
                                                                    WS.RET
                                                                                                                                                      DRIVE TO SAFE MODE
   FDE6-
                                                                    WRITE1 CLC
                                                    8370
8370
8370
8390
8400
   FDE7-
FDE8-
                      48
68
                                                                     WRITE2 PHA
  FDE9- 9D
FDEC- 1D
                              8D CO
8C CO
                                                                    WRITE3 STA DRV.Q6H,X
                                                                                            ORA DRV.Q6L,X
                                                     8410
                                                     8420 PRE.NYBBLE
                                                    8430
8440
8450
8460
8470
  FDF0- A5
FDF2- A4
FDF4- 18
                                                                                            LDA RWB.BUFFER
                                                                                                                                                       PLUG IN ADDRESS TO LOOP BELOW
                                45
                                                                                            LDY RWB.BUFFER+1
  FDF5- 69
FDF7- 90
FDF9- C8
                                02
                                                                                                         #2
                                                                                            ADC
                                01
                                                                                            BCC
                                                                                                         . 1
                                                                                            INY
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30 FE 8490
31 FE 8500
56 8510
56 8530
25 FE 8550
26 FE 8560
8560
8560
FDFA- 8D
FDFD- 38
FE00- 38
FE01- E9
FE05- 80
FE06- 8D
FE06- 38
FE00- 38
FE00- E9
                                                        STA PN...6+1
                                                        SEC
                                                        SBC
                                                               #$56
                                                        DEY
                                                        STA PN...5+1
STY PN...5+2
SEC
                                                               #$56
•3
                                                        SBC
                               8590
8600
8610
8620
8630
8640
             B0
88
8D
8C
                   Õĭ
                                                        BCS
 FEOF-
 FE11-
FE12-
                                                        DEY
                                         .3 STA PN...4+1
STY PN...4+2
*---PACK THE LOWER TWO BITS INTO TBUF-----
LDY #170
PN...4 LDA BUFF.BASE-170,Y ADDRESS FILL
                   1B FE
                        FE
FE18- A0
FE1A- B9
FE1D- 29
FE1F- AA
                   AA
56
03
                               8650
8660
8670
8680
8690
                         46
                                                                                                     ADDRESS FILLED IN
                                                        AND
FE1F-
FE20- BD
FE23- 48
FE24- B9
                                                        TAX
                   EO F9
                                                        LDA BIT.PAIR.RIGHT.X
                                                        PHA
                   AC
                         116
                               8700 PN...5
8710
                                                       LDA BUFF.BASE-84.Y
FE24- B9
FE27- 29
FE29- AA
FE2A- 68
FE2B- 1D
FE2E- 48
                   03
                                                        AND #3
                               8720
8730
8740
8750
                                                        TAX
                   CO F9
                                                        ORA BIT.PAIR.MIDDLE,X
                                                        PHA
                               8760
8770
8780
FE2F-
FE32-
FE34-
FE35-
            B9
29
AA
                   02 47
03
                                                       LDA BUFF.BASE+2.Y
                                         PN...6
                                                        AND
                                                        TAX
                               8790
8800
8810
             68
                                                        PLA
FE35- 68
FE36- 1D
FE39- 98
FE38- 49
FE3B- 44
FE3E- 68
FE3F- C8
                   A0 F9
                                                        ORA BIT.PAIR.LEFT,X
                                                        PHA
                                8820
8830
8840
8850
                                                        TYA
                                                        EOR #$FF
                                                        TAX
                                                        PLA
                   00 FB
                               88670
88870
88890
88990
89930
89930
89930
89980
89980
                                                        STA TBUF.X
                                                        INY
                                         BNE PN...4
*---DETERMINE BUFFER BOUNDARY CONDITIONS-----
*---AND SETUP WRITE.SECTOR ACCORDINGLY-------
LDY RWB.BUFFER
 FE43- DO
                   D5
FE45- A4
FE47- 88
FE48- 84
FE4A- A5
                   44
                                                        DEY
STY
LDA
                   3F
                                                               INDEX.OF.LAST.BYTE RWB.BUFFER
             A5
8D
                   52 FD
 FE4C-
                                                        STA WS...5-1
 FE4F-
             F0
                   ÕĒ
                                                        BEÖ
                                                               .7
#$FF
 FE51-
FE53-
                                                        ĔŎŔ
                                                        TAY
 FE54-
             B1
                                8990
                                                        LDA (RWB.BUFFER),Y
 FE56-
FE57-
FE59-
             C8
51
29
                                9000
9010
                                                        INY
                                                        ĒÖR (RWB.BUFFER),Y
                                9020
                                                        AND
                                                               #$FC
                               9030
9040
9050
9060
9070
9080
 FEŠÉ-
             ĀĀ
                                                        TAX
 FE5C-
FE5F-
             BD
85
                   03
3B
0C
                                                        LDA BIT.PAIR.TABLE
STA BYTE.AT.BUFOO
                                                               BIT.PAIR.TABLE+3,X
                         FA
                                                                                                   =0 IF BUFFER NOT SPLIT
 FE61- FO
                                                        BEQ
                                                        BEQ .9
LDA INDEX.OF.LAST.BYTE
 FE63-
FE65-
             A5
4A
                    3F
                                                        LSR
                                9090
9100
9110
9120
9130
9150
             B1
                                                                (RWB.BUFFER),Y
 FE66-
FE68-
                                                        LDA
             90
68
                    03
                                                        BCC
 FEĞA-
                                                        INY
             51
85
A0
B1
                                                        EÖR
STA
LDY
                                                                (RWB.BUFFER).Y
BYTE.AT.BUFO1
#$FF
(RWB.BUFFER),Y
 FE6B-
                   3C
FF
44
 FE6D-
FE6F-
 FE71-
                                                        LDA
                                9160
9170
9180
 FE73-
FE75-
                                                               #$FC
LAST.BYTE
                                                         AND
                                                         STA
                                                  INSTALL BUFFER ADDRESSES IN WRITE.SECTOR----
 FE77-
FE79-
FE7C-
FE7F-
                   45
55
66
                                9190
             A4
88
88
88
88
88
88
88
                                                        LDY RWB.BUFFER+1
                                9210
9210
9220
9230
9240
9260
                                                        STY
STY
                         FD
                                                                WS...5+2
WS...7+2
                                                        INY
                   83 FD
94 FD
98 FD
AB FD
                                                               WS...8+2
WS..10+2
WS..11+2
 FE80-
                                                        STY
 FE83-
FE86-
                                                        STY
                                                        STY
                                                        STY WS.. 14+2
```

```
FE8C- A6 3E
FE8E- 8E 5D FD
FE91- 8E 8B FD
FE94- 8E A2 FD
FE9A- 8E C6 FD
FE9B- 4D 59 FB
FE9E- 0A
                                                                                       SAME SLOT AS BEFORE?
(IGNORE DRIVE)
                                                     ASL (IGNORE DRIVE)
BEQ .2 ...YES
LDA #1 LONG MOTOR.TIME
STA MOTOR.TIME+1 (COUNTS BACKWARDS)
LDA OLD.SLOT
FEGF- FO
                 1C
FEA1- A9
FEA3- 8D
FEA6- AD
                 Ó1
                 70 FB
59 FB
70
FEA3- 8D 70 FB
FEA6- AD 59 FB
FEA9- 29 70
FEAB- AA
FEAC- FO OF
FEBE- 20 DC FC
FEB3- A9 01
FEB5- 20 85 FB
FEBB- AD 70 FB
FEBB- AD 70 FB
FEBB- BO E9
                                                    TAX
BEQ .2 ...NO PREVIOUS MOTOR RUNNING
JSR CHECK.IF.MOTOR.RUNNING.X
BEQ .2 ...NOT RUNNING YET
LDA #1 DELAY ANOTHER 100 USECS
FEBD- 60
FEBE-
                                                     .BS $FF9B-# <<<<EMPTY SPACE>>>>
FF9B- 48
FF9C- A5 45
FF9E- 8D 56 BF
FFA1- 68
FFA4- 68
FFA5- 48
FFA6- 29 10
FFA6- 29 10
FFA8- D0 18
FFAA- AD 00 D0
                                                                              SAVE A-REG AT LOC $45
                                                                              GET STATUS BEFORE IRO
FFA6- 29 10
FFA8- DO 18
FFAA- AD 00 DO
FFAD- 49 D8
                                                                              ...YES, LET MONITOR DO IT
SAVE $DOOD BANK ID
                02
FF
8D BF
57 BF
BF
FFAF- FÓ
FFB1- A9
FFB3- 8D
FFB6- 8D
                                                                              PUSH FAKE "RTI" VECTOR WITH
FFB9- A9
FFBB- 48
                                                                                       IRQ DISABLED AND SET TO RETURN TO $BF50
FFBC- A9
FFBE- 48
FFBF- A9
FFC1- 48
FFC2- A9
FFC4- 48
                 04
                                                                             PUSH "RTS" VECTOR FOR MONITOR
FFC5- A9 41 9790 LDA #:
FFC7- 48 9800 PHA
9810 CALL MONITOR
FFC8- 8D 82 CO 9820 STA $
                                                    LDA #$41
                                                    STA $C082
                                                                              SWITCH TO MOTHERBOARD
                             9830 *----
9840 RESET
FFCB- AD D7 FF
FFCE- 48
                             9850
9860
                                                    LDA RESET. VECTOR+1
                                                                             PUSH "RTS" VECTOR FOR MONITOR
                                                    PHA
                            9870
9880
9890
9900 *-
FFCF- AD D6 FF
FFD2- 48
                                                    LDA RESET. VECTOR
                                                    PHA
                                                     JMP CALL.MONITOR
FFD3- 4C C8 FF
                                      RESET. VECTOR
                             FFD6- 61 FA
                                                                             MON. RESET-1
                                                     .DA $FA61
                            9950
9950
9960
9980
9990
FFD8- 8D 88 BF
FFDB- AD 56 BF
FFDE- 85 45
FFEO- AD 8B CO
                                                    STA INTAREG
                                                    STA INTAREG
LDA SAVE.LOC45
STA $45
LDA $C08B SI
LDA SAVE.DO00
JMP IRQXIT.3
                                                                              SWITCH TO MAIN $D000 BANK
FFE3- AD 57 BF
FFE6- 4C D3 BF
                             10000
                              10010
FFE9-
                                                       .BS $FFFA-*
                                                                                          <<<<EMPTY SPACE>>>>
                              10020
                             10030 *-----
10040 V.NMI
10050 V.RESET
10060 V.IRQ
FFFA- FB 03
FFFC- CB FF
FFFE- 9B FF
                                                              .DA $03FB
.DA RESET
.DA IRQ
```

More Assembly Listing into Text Files......Tracy L. Shafer
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In the October '83 issue of AAL, Robert F. O'Brien presented a way to create a text file containing the assembly listing of a large program. (See also "Assembly Listing Into a Text File", by Bill Morgan, July '83 AAL.) Actually, he created several text files; one for each .IN directive in the root file. You can't put the whole listing into one text file by using one .TF directive because of the way the .IN directive affects the DOS I/O hooks.

Robert's method for obtaining assembly listing text files is good, but I found a different way to create the text files of assembly listings that doesn't involve creating separate SYMBOLS sections, deleting duplicate labels, and putting up with "EXTRA DEFINITIONS ERROR" messages. It's a fairly simple approach and hinges on the fact that the problem presented by the .IN directive affects the source file containing the .IN, but not the source file to which the .IN refers. Instead of putting one .TF directive in the root file, put a .TF in each source file pointed to by a .IN directive.

For example:

```
1010 .IN PART 1
1020 .IN PART 2
1030 .ED

PART 1

1000 .TF LISTING 1
1010 (source for part 1)
```

-DII

PART 2

ROOT FILE

1000

1000 .TF LISTING 2 1010 (source for part 2)

From here on, follow Bill Morgan's original instructions. What follows is a summary of those instructions.

After deleting all other .TF directives, or turning them into comments by inserting "*" at the beginning of the line, typing ASM will create two binary files named LISTING 1 and LISTING 2. Each of these contains the assembly listing of PART 1 and PART 2 respectively, in text form. These binary files will not have starting address and length in the first four bytes. DO NOT attempt to BLOAD these files. You could really clobber DOS. To obtain true text files, make the following patch to the S-C Assembler before you assemble the program:

```
$1000 versions: $29DF:0 (original value is 04)
$D000 versions: $C083 C083 EAF9:0 N C083
```

DOWNLOADING CUSTOM CHARACTER SETS

One of the features 'hidden' in many printers available today is their ability to accept user-defined character sets. With the proper software, these custom characters are 'downloaded' from your Apple II computer to the printer in a fraction of a second. Once the printer has 'learned' these new characters, they will be remembered until the printer is turned off.

After the downloading operation, you can use your printer with virtually any word processor. Just think of the possibilities! There's nothing like having your own CUSTOM CHARACTERS to help convey the message. And you still have access to those built-in fonts as well! Here's a quick look at some possible variations:

BUILT-IN CUSTOM

10CPI:	AaBbCcDdEeFfGgHhIiJjKK	AaBbCcDdEeffGgHh I i JjKk
12CPI:	AaBbCcDdEeFfGgHhIiJjKK	AaBbCcDdEeffGgHh I i JjKk
17CPI:	AaBbCcDdEeFfGgHhIiJjKk	AaBbCcBdEeffGgM I i JjKk
5CPI:	AaBbCcDdEeFf	AaBbCcDdEeff
6CPI:	AaBbCcDdEeFf	AaBbCcDdEeff
8CPI:	AaBbCcDdEeFf	AaBbCcDdEeff

And let's not forget Enhanced and Underined printing as well...

AaBbCc DdEeFfGgHh IiJjKk	AaBbCcDdEeffGgKhliJjKk
AaBbCcDdEeFfGqHh I i JjKk	AaBbCc <u>DdEeffGaHh</u> liJjKK

The Font Downloader & Character Editor software package has been developed by RAK-WARE to help you unleash the power of your printer. The basic package includes the downloading software with 4 fonts to get you going. Also included is a character editor so that you can turn your creativity loose. Use it to generate unique character fonts, patterns, symbols and graphics. A detailed user's quide is provided on the program diskette.

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS:

- \star APPLE II, APPLE II Plus, APPLE //e or lookalike with 48K RAM
- * 'DUMB' Parallel Printer Interface Board (like Apple's Parallel Printer Interface, TYMAC's PPC-100 or equivalent)

The Font Downloader & Editor package is only \$39.95 and is currently available for either the Apple Dot Matrix Printer or C.Itoh 8510AP (specify printer). Epson FX-80 and OkiData versions coming soon. Enclose payment with order to avoid \$3.00 handling & postage charge.

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Say You Saw It In APPLE ASSEMBLY LINE!

After the patch is made, assemble the program and restore the original value to \$29DF (\$EAF9).

For really large programs, it could get very tedious adding a .TF directive to each sub-file to obtain a text file listing and then deleting those .TF directives to prevent messing up the object file the next time the program is assembled. Fortunately, the S-C Macro Assembler's conditional assembly feature makes our work a lot easier. By placing an equated flag in the root file and surrounding each .TF with .DO and .FIN, we only have to change one line to set up our program for text file output or object file creation. For example:

ROOT FILE

	•
1000 LSTOUT	.EQ 0 TO ASSEMBLE OBJECT
1010 *	1 TO OUTPUT TEXT FILES
1020	.DO LSTOUT
1040	•DU
1050	.ELSE
1060	.TF OBJECT FILE
1070	.FIN
1080	.IN PART 1
1090	.IN PART 2
1100	.DO LSTOUT
1110	. ED
1120	.FIN
PART 1	
	.DO LSTOUT
1010	.TF LISTING 1
1020	.FIN
1030	(source for part 1)
0	
PART 2	
1000	.DO LSTOUT
1010	.TF LISTING 2
1010	.FIN
1030	(source for part 2)
ボ のつの	(Source for Parc 2)

Don't forget to patch \$29DF (\$EAF9 for the language card version) with 0 to output true text files and back to 4 create object files. The last thing to remember is to use .LIST ON during the assembly. You won't write any text files if the assembler isn't producing a listing.

Note on Aztec C......Bill Morgan

I just talked to the people at Manx Software about the ProDOS version of their C compiler, and this time they assured me that owners of the current Apple DOS version will be able to purchase the ProDOS version at a reduced upgrade price. That is enough to tip the balance in favor of buying the compiler right now, so I have ordered some. List price is \$199: we'll have them for \$180 + shipping.

Generalized GOTO and GOSUB......Bob Sander-Cederlof

Tim Mowchanuk, a lecturer at Brisbane College in Australia, sent the following suggestion:

"How can I implement a named GOTO or GOSUB routine? There are numerous routines that implement computed GOTO/GOSUB, but I consider that a futile exercise. Computed GOTO/GOSUB mess up renumbering utilities, and violate modern trends toward structured programming.

"What I really want is something that will handle BASIC like

100 & GOSTIB NAMES

where NAME\$ holds the name of a subroutine. I envision subroutine names being defined by a special REM statement of the form

200 REM "SUBROUTINE NAME"

The &GOSUB or &GOTO processor can search through the program for a line beginning with a REM token. If the first non-blank after the REM token is a quotation mark, the processor can compare the characters to the string value. If there is an exact match, the line containing the REM is the target for the &GOTO or &GOSUB."

The problem sounded just the right size for an interesting AAL article, so I started trying to write some code.

I published an &GOSUB routine back in April 1981 of the type that Tim thinks futile. The following program combines the two "futile" computed &GOSUB and &GOTO routines with two new ones that allow the computed value to be a string expression. If the expression after &GOTO or &GOSUB is numeric, the processor will search for a matching line number. If the result is a string, the processor will search for a REM label as Tim described above.

Only REM's at the beginning of a numbered line will be considered as labels. The label must be included in quotation marks. Spaces are OK between the word REM and the first quotation mark. Anything after the second quotation mark will be ignored.

You can now write a menu program that uses the actual command word as the name of a subroutine, and cease worrying about line numbers. The accompanying Applesoft program is an example of just such a technique.

```
100 PRINT CHR$ (4) "BLOAD B.LABELLED GO'S": CALL 768
1000 DATA SEND, RECEIVE, EDIT, LOAD, SAVE, EXIT,.
1010 I = 0
1020 I = I + 1: READ A$(I): IF A$(I) < > "." THEN 1020
1030 N = I - 1
1100 INPUT C$:I = 0
1110 I = I + 1: IF C$ = A$(I) THEN & GOSUB C$: GOTO 1100
1120 IF I < N THEN 1110
1130 PRINT "NO SUCH COMMAND": GOTO 1100
```

```
2500
2510
                           REM "RECEIVE"
PRINT "RECEIVE IS NOT READY": RETURN
                 3000
                            REM "EDIT"
                 3ŏ10
                            PRINT "MAYBE YOU CAN EDIT LATER": RETURN
                 350ŏ
351ŏ
                            REM "LOAD"
PRINT "LOAD WHAT, WHERE, HOW?": RETURN
                 4000
                            REM "SAVE"
                           PRINT "SAVE WHAT, WHERE, HOW": RETURN
REM "EXIT"
PRINT "AH! THAT I CAN DO!": POP : EN
                 4010
                 4500
                                                 THAT I CAN DOIN: POP : END
                           1000 *SAVE S.LABELLED GO'S
                           1010 #-
                           1020 *
1030 *
1040 *
                                                & GOTO <STR EXP> & GOSUB<STR EXP>
                                                REM W<LABEL>W
                           1050
                           1060
                                                AS SUGGESTED BY TIM MOWCHANUK
                           1070 -----
1080 AS.VALTYP
1090 AS.TEMPPT
                                                       EQ $11

EQ $52,53

EQ $5E

EQ $5F,68

EQ $75,76

EQ $9B,9C

EQ $9B,9C

EQ $40,41

EQ $88,89
                           1100 INDEX. REM
                           1110 INDEX.GO
                           1120 PRGBOT
1130 AS.CURLIN
1140 PNTR
                                                       POOC
                           1150 STRLEN
                           1160 STRADR
1170 VPNT
1180 TXTPTR
                           1190
                                                       .EQ $AB
.EQ $B0
.EQ $B2
                           1200 TKN.GOTO
                           1210 TKN.GOSUB
                           .EQ $00B1
.EQ $00B7
.EQ $D3D6
.EQ $D7D2
.EQ $D95E
.EQ $D97C
.EQ $D97C
                           1280
                                   AS MEMCHK
                           1290 AS.NEWSTT
                          EQ $DD7B
EQ $DEC9
EQ $E604
BQ $E752
                                                .OR $300
.TF B.LABELLED GO'S
0300- A9 0B
0302- 8D F6 03
0305- A9 03
0307- 8D F7 03
030A- 60
                           1410 SETUP
                                                LDA #LABELLED.GOTO.AND.GOSUB
                           1420
1430
1440
                                                STA AMPERSAND. VECTOR+1
LDA /LABELLED. GOTO. AND. GOSUB
STA AMPERSAND. VECTOR+2
                           1450
1460
                                                RTS
                          1470 LABELLED.GOTO.AND.GOSUB
1480 JSR AS.CHRGOT
1490 CMP #TKN.GOTO
1500 BEQ .3
1510 CMP #TKN.GOSUB
1520 BEQ .2
030B- 20 B7
030E- C9 AB
0310- F0 1D
0312- C9 B0
0314- F0 03
0316- 4C C9
                    00
                                                JMP AS.SYNERR
                           1530 .1 JMP AS.SYNERR
1540 *---SETUP GOSUB RETURN DATA---
                    DE
                          1550 .2
1560
1570
1580
1590
1600
0319- A9
031B- 20
031E- A5
               03
D6
                                                LDA #3
JSR AS MEMCHK
                    D3
031B- 20
031E- A5
0320- 48
0321- A5
0324- A5
0324- A5
0326- 48
0327- A5
                B9
                                                LDA TXTPTR+1
                                                PHA
                B8
                                                LDA TXTPTR
                                                PHA
                76
                                                LDA AS.CURLIN+1
                           1610
                           1620
1630
1640
                                                PHA
LDA AS.CURLIN
```

PRINT "SEND NOT YET IMPLEMENTED": RETURN

2000

2010

0011-0052-005E-

005F-

0067-0075-

009B-

009D-

009E-ČČÁČ-00B8-

OOAB-

00B0-

00B2-03F5-

00B1-00B7-

D3D6-D7D2-

D941-D95E-D97C-

DĎ7B-DEC9-E604-Ē752REM "SEND"

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PHA

```
032A- A9 B0
032C- 48
032D- D0 02
                                1650
                                                         LDA #TKN.GOSUB
                                1660
1670
1680
                                                         PHA
                                                                                    ... ALWAYS
                                                         BNE
                                         #---SETUP FOR GOTO-
                                         .3
                                                                                    POP RETURN TO "NEWSTT"
                                                         PI.A
                                1690
                                1760
1710
                                          *---FIND LABEL AFTER TOKEN-----
.4 JSR AS.CHRGET
0331- 20 B1
0334- F0 E0
0336- 20 7B
0339- 24 11
033B- 30 10
                                1720
            20 B1 00
                               1720
1730
1740
1750
                                                         BEQ .1
                                                         JSR AS.FRMEVL
BIT AS.VALTYP
                                                                                              EVALUATE EXPRESSION $00 IF NUMERIC, $FF IF STRING
                         ממ
                                                                                               ...STRING
                                1760
                                          BMI .5
*---NUMERIC EXPRESSION-
                                1770
1770
1780
1790
1800
1810
                                               --NUMERIC EXPRESSION-----
JSR AS.GETADR CO
JSR AS.GOTO1
JMP AS.NEWSTT
--FREE ANY TEMP STRINGS--
5 LDA AS.TEMPPT+1
LDY #0
JSR AS.FRETMP
LDA AS.FRETMP
033D- 20 52 E7
0340- 20 41 D9
0343- 4C D2 D7
                                                                                              CONVERT TO INTEGER
0346- A5
0348- A0
034A- 20
034D- A5
034F- C9
0351- B0
                                1820
1830
1840
                                          .45
                   53
                   ŏŭ
                        E6
                  52
56
F3
                                1850
                                          .5
                                                         LDA AS. TEMPPT
                                                         CMP #$56
RCS .45
                                1860
1870
1880
1900
1920
1930
1940
1960
                                                                                   EMPTY?
                                         BCS .45 ... NO, FREE A
                                                                                                  FREE A STRING
0353- A0 02
0355- B1 A0
0357- 99 9D
035A- 88
035B- 10 F8
                                                        LDY #2
LDA (VPNT),Y
STA STRLEN,Y
                                                         LDA
STA
DEY
                         00
                                          BPL .55
*---SEARCH PROGRAM FOR LABEI
                                                         LDA PRGBOT+1
LDX PRGBOT
035D- A5 68
035F- A6 67
                                                                                              POINT TO BEGINNING
                                                                                                    OF PROGRAM
                               --LOOK AT NEXT LINE---
STA PNTR+1 UPDA
STX PNTR
0361- 85
0363- 86
0365- A0
0367- B1
0369- F0
                   9C
9B
01
                                                                                    UPDATE PNTR TO NEXT LINE
                                         STX PNTR
LDY #1 HI-BYTE OF FWD PN!
LDA (PNTR),Y
BEQ. 11
*---CHECK FOR 'REM "'-------
LDY #4
LDA (PNTR),Y
CMP #TKN.REM
BNE .10 ...NOT REM STATEM
                                                                                    HI-BYTE OF FWD PNTR
036B- A0
036D- B1
                   04
                   9B
036D- B1
036F- C9
0371- D0
0373- C8
0374- B1
0376- C9
0378- F0
037A- C9
                   B2
31
                                                                                        . NOT REM STATEMENT
                                                         INY
                                                                                    NEXT BYTE OF LINE
                   9B
20
F9
22
26
                               2090
2100
2110
                                                         LDA
                                                                 (PNTR),Y
                                                        CMP #1
                                                                                    IGNORE BLANKS BEFORE *
                                2120
                                                                                     " YET?
                               2130
2140
2150
2160
                                                 BNE .10
-COMPARE LABEL-
                                                                                    ...NO, NOT A LABEL
037E- 84
0380- A9
0382- 85
0384- E6
0386- A4
0388- B1
                                                         STY INDEX. REM
                                                        LDA #-1
STA INDEX.GO
INC INDEX.REM
                  FF
5F
5E
                                2170
2180
                                                         LDY INDEX.REM
LDA (PNTR),Y
                               2190
2200
2210
2220
2230
2240
2250
2270
2280
                   5EB 8F 5F 2
                                                                                    ... EARLY END OF LABEL
                                                         BEQ
038A- F0
038C- E6
038E- A4
0390- F0
0394- D1
0396- F0
0398- C0
                                                        INC INDEX.GO
LDY INDEX.GO
CMP # ""
                                                                                    LEGAL END OF LABEL?
                                                         BEQ 9
CMP (STRADR),Y
BEQ 8
                   06
                   9E
EC
                                                                                    ... KEEP MATCHING
... DOESN'T MATCH
                                                                 :10
                   OA
                                                         BNE
                   9D
                                2290
                                                         CPY STRLEN
                                                                                    CORRECT LENGTH?
                               2290 •9
23300 •-
23320 •-
23330 •-
23350 •1
22360 •1
22360 •2
2390 •2
                                               BNE .10
--FOUND LABEL, SO (
JSR AS.GOTO.3
JMP AS.NEWSTT
                                                                             SO GO TO IT----
039C- DO
                   06
039E- 20 5E D9
03A1- 4C D2 D7
                                                 JMP AS NEWSTT

-DOESN'T MATCH, TRY NEXT LINE-
LDY #0 GET FORWARD P
LDA (PNTR),Y LO-BYTE
03A4- A0 00
03A6- B1 9B
03A8- AA
03A9- C8
03AA- B1 9B
03AC- D0 B3
                                                                                    GET FORWARD POINTER
                                                         TAX
                                                                                              HI-BYTE
                                                 TDA (PNTR),Y
BNE .6
-END OF PROGRAM, I
JMP AS.UNDERR
                                                                                        .NOT END OF PROGRAM YET
                                2410
                                                                                   UNDEF LBL----
03AE- 4C 7C D9 2420 .11
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VIEWMASTER	169	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
SUPPRTERM	375	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
WIZARD80	245	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
VISION80	375	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
OMNIVISION	295	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
VIEWMAX80	219	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES
SMARTERM	360	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO
VIDEOTERM	345	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES

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It may come as a surprise (it did to me), but there are apparently now only three calendar/clocks still on the market for the Apple II, II Plus, //e. The others, and there were a lot of them, seemed to have dropped off the map. And even one of the three (Mountain Computer) does not advertise anywhere I can find.

Another surprise: the most expensive clock has the fewest features, and the least expensive has the most features.

Mountain Computer Apple Clock

\$280 in current catalog listing; most recent ad I could find was in Jan 1980 Byte, at \$199. Features below are guessed at from ad and conversations with Dan Pote. Works with BASIC only, does not include any DOS Dater or ProDOS support.

Gives month, day of month, hour, minute, second, millisecond

Interrupt available: Second, Millisecond

Thunderware Thunderclock Plus

Gives month, day of month, day of week, hour, minute, second.

\$150 with BASIC software for DOS or ProDOS

\$ 29 extra for Pascal software

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Gives year, month, day of month, day of week, hour, minute, second

Interrupts available: Millisecond, Second, Minute, Hour. Switchable to either NMI or IRQ interrupt line.

For some reason they have not chosen to explain, the wizards at Apple who created ProDOS decided to "wire in" support for the Thunderclock (and ONLY Thunderclock). A system call reads the time and date from Thunderclock, calculates the year from the given information, and stores year-month-day-hour-minute in a packed format at \$BF90...BF93. ProDOS automatically records time/date of creation and time/date of last modification.

In order to get the year with these dates, ProDOS goes through a calculation to derive year from given day of month, month, and day of week information. The calculation involves remaindering and table lookup...but it only works from 1982 through 1987. I suppose by 1988 they will have generated a new version which works beyond, or else we won't care anymore. Better yet, by 1988 maybe they will have driver-ized the clock support so we can use Dan's card directly.

Dan Pote sent me a Timemaster to play with, in hopes that I would figure out how to make it look like a Thunderclock to ProDOS. I did, so if you buy one now it will be completely compatible with ProDOS. You select by DIP Switch which page of the onboard EPROM will be mapped into the \$CN00 space (where N is slot 1-7). One setting selects the ProDOS section, and the others select various versions designed for use with DOS and Applesoft.

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Finding Trouble in a Big RAM Card.....Bob Sander-Cederlof

Last night (Monday, Nov 28th) I took home an Apple to do some spreadsheet work. I took home the most portable one, but first swapped RAM cards. I took the STB-128 out of my oldest Apple and put it into the Apple II Plus with the fewest attachments.

When I plugged it in at home and booted the spreadsheet program, all appeared to be well. But it wasn't. I loaded in a model, and during the re-calculation the spreadsheet program hit a BRK opcode and died. I pressed RESET and looked at the partially re-calculated sheet: it was sprinkled with nonsense characters, and the keyboard was locked up. I played with various combinations for an hour or so, including other programs which use the RAM card. Everything pointed to there being a bad bit somewhere in the card.

Of course the RAM card test program was back at the office. I decided to write another one rather than face the two mile round trip.

The 128K space on the STB-128 is divided into 8 banks. You select a bank by storing a bank number (0-7) at any address in the C080+16 space which has bit 2=1. For slot 0, that means store in C080, C081, C082, C083, C088, C089, C088, or C088. The card has three green LEDs on top which show which bank is currently selected.

Each 16K bank is further divided to fit into the 12K address space between \$D000 and \$FFFF. The softswitch controlled by bit 3 in the \$C08x address selects which of two 4K banks will be enabled at \$D000-DFFF. The other 8K always sits at \$E000-FFFF. A red LED signals which \$D000 bank is selected.

The low-order two bits of the \$C08x address control the mode of the RAM card. Accessing \$C080 or \$C088 write protects the card, and read enables it. This means the \$D000-FFFF references the RAM card rather than the motherboard ROM. Accessing \$C082 or \$C08A write protects the RAM card and disables reading it; in other words, it switches on the motherboard ROM.

\$C081 or \$C089 also turn on the mother board ROM for reading, but if you access one of these twice in a row it will write enable the RAM card. In this mode reads reference the motherboard ROM, but writes write into the RAM card. This mode is used when loading the RAM card so that monitor and Applesoft routines which are in motherboard ROM can be used for the loading process.

Accessing \$C083 or \$C08B once read enables the STB-128 card and write protects it. A second access write enables the card. This is the mode we use for a memory test.

Thinking about how to test such a card, I wrote down the following "flow chart":

For Bank = 0 to 7
Store Bank in \$C083
Access \$C083 again to write enable
Test \$D000-DFFF
Access \$C08B twice
Test \$D000-FFFF
Next Bank

I broke the actual testing of a range of memory into four parts. First I stored zeroes into every location, and checked to be sure I read zeroes back. Then I did the same with \$FF. Then, \$55. Then, \$AA. This is certainly not an exhaustive test, but I hoped it would be sufficient.

The tricky part was informing myself of the locations and values involved of any memory errors found during the test. I could not conveniently use the monitor subroutines to write addresses and values on the screen, because the monitor only existed in the motherboard ROM and it was switched off! So, I wrote a guick and dirty display routine.

The routine for display in the listing below is not quite so "quick and dirty". The program starts by clearing the screen using the monitor HOME subroutine at \$FC58. Then it switches to the RAM card and runs the test. The program pokes test failure data directly to the screen. I direct the data for each of the 8 banks to a different line. When a failure occurs, I print the address, the value that should have been there, the actual value found, and the exclusive-or of the two values. The exclusive-or shows me which bit or bits was incorrect.

After running the test it was obvious that the least significant bit in banks 5 and 6 was not working. When it should be zero it was sometimes one, and vice versa.

I did not know which chip on the STB-128 card belonged to which bit slice or which bank, so I guessed. I was lucky, and guessed right the first time. I pulled out the chip I thought might be the bad one, and re-ran the test. This time the test indicated the least significant bit of banks 4-7 was missing. (It happened to be the chip in the lower-left corner when looking at the face of the card.)

I put the chip back in, hoping that it would miraculously heal itself. Then I looked at the back of the board to see if anything looked suspicious there. Sure enough! STB did not trim off the excess length of the socket pins after soldering the board. One of those long pins had bent over and was possibly shorted to another, on the lower left socket. I straightened the pin and re-ran the test. Voila! It passed!

After I finished patting myself on the back I tried to run the spreadsheet again. It still failed! This morning I put the cards back in their usual homes, and everything works fine.

Tuesday Afternoon....Lo and behold, the card is still bad. I found the STB Systems diskette, and ran their RAM test program.

It identified the same chip as being bad. But after running the test for several hours, the errors stopped. Obviously the chip's problems are intermittent.

Wednesday Morning....The chip is still giving errors. I called STB and they said to bring the board by. Wednesday afternoon....STB replaced the chip, and all is well.

	1000 *SAVE S.TEST STB-128
	1020 * TEST STB-128
0000-	1040 YSAVE EO O
0001 - 0002 -	1050 LIMIT .EQ 1 1060 ADDR .EQ 2,3 1070 BANK .EQ 4 1080 BYTE .EQ 5
0004- 0005-	1060 ADDR .EQ 2,3 1070 BANK .EQ 4 1080 BYTE .EQ 5
0006-	1090 SCREEN .EU 6.7
C080-	1100 * 1110 SELECT .EQ \$C080 1120 *
0800- 20 OD 08	1130 TTTT JSR TEST
0806= 20 OD OB '	1150 JSR TEST
0809- 20 OD 08 1	1160 JSR TEST 1170 RTS
· _ ·	1180 #
OROR RE ON	1190 TEST LDA #0 1200 STA BANK
080F- 85 04 0811- 85 02 0813- 20 58 FC 0816- A9 04	1200 STA BANK 1210 STA ADDR 1220 JSR \$FC58 CLEAR SCREEN 1230 LDA #\$04 1240 STA SCREEN+1 1250 LDA #\$28 1260 STA SCREEN
0813- 20 58 FC 0816- 49 04	1230 LDA #\$04
0818- 85 07 081A- A9 28	1240 STA SCREEN+1 1250 LDA #\$28
081A- A9 28 081C- 85 06	1260 STA SCREEN 1270
081E_ AE OII	1280 1 IN BANK
י מיז דע מע מכעמ	1290 STA SELECT+\$07 1300 ORA #\$BO CONVERT TO SCREEN ASCII 1310 LDY #0
0825- AO 00	1310 LDY #0
0029- 10 00	1330 LDA SELECT+\$03 1340 *TEST DOOODFFF 1350 LDA #\$E0 1360 STA LIMIT 1370 JSP TEST 7FROS
082C- A9 E0 082E- 85 01	1350 LDA #\$E0 1360 STA LIMIT
0830- 20 68 08 1	1360 STA LIMIT 1370 JSR TEST.ZEROS 1380 JSR TEST.ONES 1380 ISB TEST TUPE
082E- 85 01 0830- 20 68 08 0833- 20 6B 08 0836- 20 6E 08	1390 USR 1ES1.F1VES
0839- 20 71 08 1	1400 JSR TEST.AYES 1410SWITCH TO OTHER DOOO
DRRC- AD RR CO 1	1420 LDA SELECT+\$OB
083F- AD 8B CO	1430 LDA SELECT+\$0B 1440TEST DOOOFFFF
0842- A9 00 1	1450 LDA #0
0846- 20 68 08 1	1470 ISB TEST 7EBOS
0849- 20 6B 08 1	1480 JSR TEST.ONES 1490 JSR TEST.FIVES
084F- 20 71 08 1	1500 Jak Teat.Aira
0852- A5 06	1510
0852- A5 06 0854- 49 80 0856- 85 06 0858- 30 02	1530 EOR #\$80
0856- 85 06 0858- 30 02	1540 STA SĆREEN 1550 BMI .2
085A- E6 07 085C- E6 04	1560 INC SCREEN+1 1570 .2 INC BANK
085E- A5 04	1580 LDA BANK
0860- C9 08 1 0862- 90 BA 1	1520 LDA SCREEN 1530 EOR #\$80 1540 STA SCREEN 1550 BMI 2 1560 INC SCREEN+1 1570 2 INC BANK 1580 LDA BANK 1590 CMP #8 1600 BCC .1
0864- AD 81 CO	1610 #SWITCH TO ROMS
0864- AD 81 CO 1	1620 LDA SELECT+\$01 1630 RTS
1	1640

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1650 TEST.ZEROS
1660 LDA
1670 .HS
1680 TEST.ONES
                                                                                        SKIP
086B- A9
086D- 2C
                                  1690
                                                            LDA #$FF
                   FF
                                  1700
1710
                                            .HS
TEST.FIVES
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086E- A9 55
0870- 2C
                                                                    #$55
20
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                                            TEST.AYES LDA
0871- A9
0873- 85
0875- A9
0877- 85
0877- 20
0876- 20
087F- E6
0881- A5
0883- D0
0887- 60
                                                                   #$AA
BYTE
#$DO
ADDR+1
FILL
                   05
D0
                                                            ST A
LDA
                   088
903
900
900
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900
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                          08
08
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INC ADDR+1
                                                                    COMPARE
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1830
1840
1850
1860
1870
1880
1900
1910
                                                            LDA
CMP
BNE
                                                                    ADDR+1
                    F2
                                                                     .1.
                                                            RTS
0888- A0
088A- A5
088C- 91
088E- C8
088F- D0
                   00
05
02
                                            FILL
                                                            LDY #0
                                                            LDA BYTE
STA (ADDR),Y
                                                            STA
                    FB
                                                                     . 1
                                                            BNE
0891- 60
                                 RTS
                                                         LDY #0
LDA (ADDR),Y
CMP BYTE
BNE .3
INY
BNE .1
0892- A0 00
0894- B1 02
0896- C5 05
0898- D0 04
0898- D0 F7
089B- A8 00
0898- A8 00
0898- A8 00
0841- A5 03
0843- A0 02
0848- A5 00
                                            COMPARE
                                                            RTS
                                                            PHA
STY
                                                                                         SAVE ACTUAL DATA
SAVE Y-REG
                                                                    YSAVE
                                                                    ADDR+1
#2
CONBYTE
YSAVE
                                                            LDA
                                                                                         PRINT ADDRESS OF FAILURE
                                                            LDY
JSR
LDA
JSR
                          80
                                                                                        LO-BYTE OF ADDRESS
                          08
                                                                    CONBYTE
                                                            INY
LDA
                                  2090
             A5
20
C8
48
                   05
CA 08
                                  2100
                                                                    BYTE
                                                                                        WHAT DATA SHOULD HAVE BEEN
                                  2110
                                                                    CONBYTE
                                                            JSR
                                  2120
2130
08B3-
08B4-
                                                            INY
PLA
                                                                                         WHAT DATA REALLY WAS
 08B5-
08B6-
                                PHA
                                                                                         KEEP ON STACK TOO
             20
C8
68
45
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                   CA 08
                                                            JSR CONBYTE
 08B9-
08BA-
                                                            INY
PLA
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                                                            EOR BYTE
JSR CONBYTE
LDY #0
                    05
CA
00
 08BB-
08BD-
                          08
08BD- 20
08C0- A0
08C2- 88
08C3- D0
08C5- A4
08C7- 4C
                                                                                         DELAY LOOP TO SLOW THINGS DOWN
                                                            DEY
                                                                                         FOR OBSERVATION
                                                                    .4
YSAVE
.2
                    FD
00
9A
                                                            BÑĒ
LDY
                          08
                                                                                         REJOIN TEST
                                                            JMP
                                             CONBYTE
08CA- 48
08CB- 4A
08CC- 4A
08CD- 4A
08CE- 4A
08CF- 20
08D2- 68
                                                            PHA
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LSR
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                    D3 08
                                                                    CONNYBBLE
                                                            JSR
                                                            PLA
                                            CONNYBBLE
08D3-
08D5-
08D7-
08D9-
08DB-
                                                            AND
CMP
BCC
                                                                    #$0F
#10
             29
C9
90
69
91
C8
60
                    0A
02
06
B0
                                                            ADC
ADC
ST A
INY
                                                                     #6
#$BO
(SCREEN),Y
 08DD-
08DF-
                    06
                                  2410
2420
2430
 08E0-
                                                            RTS
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QUICKTRACE

relocatable program traces and displays the actual machine operations, while it is running without interfering with those operations. Look at these FEATURES:

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Procedure for Converting S-C Source Files to Text Files Without Owning an S-C Assembler

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Strangely enough, there are some of you who still do not own an S-C Assembler. And some of you buy or would like to buy our Quarterly Disks or the Applesoft Docu-Mentor disks.

These disks contain source files which are only usable by the S-C Macro Assembler. However, it is possible (even without an S-C Assembler) to convert them to regular text files so as to be readable by another brand assembler/editor.

The files appear in the catalog as type "I", which is supposed to mean Integer BASIC. Of course the contents has nothing to do with Integer BASIC, but making them "I-files" has several advantages:

- * they LOAD/SAVE faster than text files
- * standard DOS commands can be used for load/save
- * when the S-C Assembler is in the RAM card, DOS can automatically switch between Applesoft and Assembler as it normally would between Applesoft and Integer BASIC.

There are also some dis-advantages:

- * some users have trouble believing they are not really Integer BASIC programs, and try to RUN them.
- * the files are harder for people without an S-C Assembler to convert to another brand.

Which brings us back to the point of this article.

To make the procedure simple, you need at least a 64K Apple. If you have an Apple //e, you are all set. An older Apple needs a "language card", or "RAM card".

The first step in the conversion process is to load the file into memory and find out where it is. Start by booting with your DOS 3.3 System Master disk, which loads Integer BASIC into the RAM card. Then LOAD the S-C source file which you want to convert. Integer BASIC will be switched on, but don't try to LIST or RUN!

Enter the Monitor by typing "CALL -151". At this point you will get an asterisk prompt. Look at locations \$4C, \$4D, \$CA, and \$CB. You can do it like this:

*4C.4D CA.CB 004C- 00 96 00CA- 58 73

Interpret the above as meaning that the source code begins in memory at \$7358 and ends one byte before \$9600.

If you use the monitor commands to look at the first 30 or 40 bytes (or more), you will discover how the source lines are stored. Each line begins with a byte count, which if added to the address will give the address of the first byte of the next line. Each line ends with a 00 byte. The byte count includes both of these bytes, and all in between. Here is a sample line:

OF E8 03 41 42 43 84 4C 44 41 81 23 24 35 00

The second and third bytes are the binary form of the line number. As usual in 6502 domain, the number is stored low-byte first. \$3E8 means the line above is line 1000.

The fourth byte and beyond are ASCII codes for the text of the line, with two exceptions. If the bytes are less than \$80, they are plain ASCII. If they are in the range from \$81 through \$BF, they represent a series of blanks. \$81 means one blank, \$84 means four blanks, and so on. The line above now decodes to:

1000 ABC LDA #\$5

The other exception is not illustrated above, but here is one:

08 F2 03 2A C0 20 2D 00

The token \$CO means "repeated character". The next byte after \$CO gives the number of repetitions, and the byte after that tells what character to repeat. Above the CO 2O 2D means 32 "-" characters, so the whole line looks like this:

1010 *-----

Armed with all that information, you can probably see how to write a simple Applesoft program to convert the memory image of the S-C source file to plain text and then write it on a text file.

In fact, here is just such a program:

Here is a blow-by-blow description of how to use the program.

- Boot your DOS System Master to load INTBASIC into the RAM card.
- 2. Load the S-C source file.
- Type CALL-151 to get into the monitor.
- Type CA.CB to get the starting address of the S-C source program (xx yy).
- 5. Type 300:xx yy to store the starting address in a place Applesoft will not clobber.
- 6. Type 3D0G to return to Integer BASIC.
- Type RUN CONVERT S-C TO TEXT to execute the Applesoft program listed above.
- 8. Stand back and wait while the program chugs through the bytes. When you see the Applesoft prompt again, it is all done!

If you add a line at 315 to turn on MONCIO, you can see the text as it is produced.

Where To?, Revisited......Bill Morgan

Many thanks to all of you who responded to my questions about 68000, C, and the future of Apple Assembly Line.

Your answers ran about eight to one in favor of including 68000 information in AAL. Several writers suggested starting with a few pages, and possibly splitting off a separate newletter someday. That sounds like a good plan, so we'll start a regular section next issue. Those of you who already know 68000 can now start teaching the rest of us. Bob Urschel has already sent in a brief article and program! He has a QWERTY Q68 board like that we reviewed last month, and speaks very highly of it.

Interest in Mackintosh (MacIntosh? Apple 32?) is growing rapidly: the announcement is expected at the Apple shareholder meeting in mid-January. Some reports claim that some developers have had Mac for up to 18 months now. We haven't been among those so privileged, but I hope to be the first on my block with one. (Unless the thing turns out to have some fatal flaw, like no expansion slots. That was one rumor!)

Several of you also expressed an interest in C, but not even a majority. More like 30%. It looks like a number of people are curious, but feel that too much coverage would dilute AAL. Stephen Bach said it best, "... don't spread yourselves too thin and try to do C also." I expect to do occasional reviews and mentions of books and other aids to learning C, and to report on anything specifically related to C on Apple computers, but not much more.

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